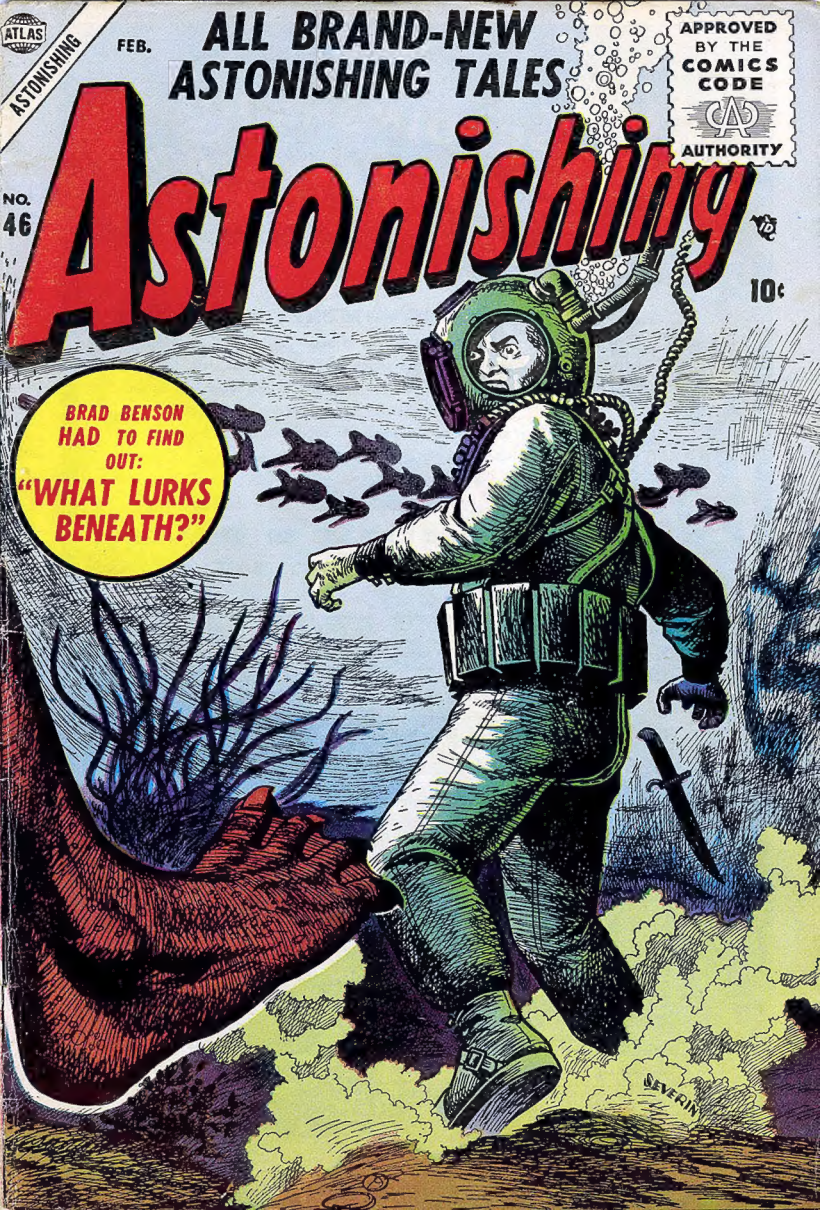
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THE EDITORS GUARANTEE THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST ASTONISHING STORIES YOU'VE EVER READ!
THE TWO AMERICAN HUNTERS PAUSED AS THE STORM BROKE! EVEN THE MIGHTY FOREST GROANED AND CREAKED UNDER THE ONSLAUGHT! THEY HADN'T COUNTED ON A STORM IN THE ARDENNES OF BELGIUM! NOR DID THEY KNOW THEY HAD TRESPASSED INTO THE...
FORBIDDEN FOREST!
THIS STORM CAME UP AWFUL SUDDEN, GIL, AND IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S AIMED ESPECIALLY AT US!
YEAH, I'LL ADMIT THIS IS A ROUGH ONE, BUT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH 'EM BEFORE, LEO!
I'M TELLING YOU, THOSE BOLTS ARE LOOKING FOR US! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
AND GO WHERE? WE'RE ALREADY IGNORING A RULE... NEVER TO TAKE SHELTER UNDER A TREE DURING A STORM!
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SUDDENLY, A JAGGED STREAK STRUCK ABOVE THEM, FOLLOWED BY THUNDER-CLAP...
KA-POW!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! I TOLD YOU IT WAS LOOKING FOR US!
CLOSE! TOO CLOSE! WE'VE GOT TO FIND BETTER SHELTER, LEO!
THEN, A FAINT LIGHT GLEAMED AND BLINKED THROUGH THE DARKNESS...
GIL... LOOK! A LIGHT! MIGHT BE SOME FORESTER'S CABIN!
FUNNY, IT WASN'T THERE BEFORE! COME ON, LEO!
THEY STAGGERED THROUGH THE DENSE FOREST, UNABLE TO HIDE FROM THE STORM WHICH SOUGHT THEM OUT EVERYWHERE...
HOLD UP, GIL! I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS ANY LONGER!
NEITHER CAN I! WE'RE LICKED... GOTTA DROP RIGHT IN OUR TRACKS!
THEY KNOCKED, BUT DIDN'T WAIT FOR AN ANSWER...
IT'S OPEN! WE CAN APOLOGIZE LATER FOR BUSTING IN!
LET'S GET OUT OF THIS STORM!
HELLO! ANYBODY HERE?
LOOKS LIKE SUPPER FOR TWO! I'D LIKE TO OWN A LODGE LIKE THIS BACK IN THE STATES! LET'S LOOK AROUND!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
LISTEN, GIL, I'M STARVED AND I DON'T THINK THE OWNER WOULD MIND IF WE SHARED HIS FOOD!
ALL RIGHT!

THE FOOD WAS HOT AND TASTY, AND JUST AS THEY FINISHED...

GREETINGS, GOOD HUNTSMEN! I TRUST THE MEAL I PREPARED WAS ENJOYABLE! WELCOME TO HUBERT'S HUMBLE CABIN!
GREETINGS, WE WERE CAUGHT IN THE STORM AND PRETTY HUNGRY! WE'LL PAY FOR WHAT WE ATE!

PAY? I DO NOT SELL MY HOSPITALITY! EAT AND DRINK TO YOUR HEARTS CONTENT! WHAT GAME DO YOU HUNT HERE?
WE'D LIKE A TROPHY STAG, BUT WE HAVEN'T BEEN LUCKY SO FAR! WE'RE HEADING DEEPER INTO THE FOREST TOMORROW!

GOOD FRIENDS, I PRAY YOU NOT TO GO DEEPER! IT IS NOT FROM JEST THAT IT IS CALLED THE FORBIDDEN FOREST!
WE'VE DEALT WITH SUPERSTITIONS BEFORE IN AFRICA AND INDIA! WE'RE WELL PREPARED FOR DANGER!

WE'LL GET AN EARLY START IN THE MORNING, BUT WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!
MANY A BOLT HAVE I LOOSED IN VAIN IN THE FORBIDDEN FOREST! IF YOU MUST GO, I BID YOU BOTH GOD-SPEED AND GOOD HUNTING!

THE AMERICANS HAD PLUNGED DEEP INTO THE GLOOMY FOREST BY THE TIME THE SUN CAME UP...

STRANGE GUY, THAT HUBERT! IT SEEMED THAT MEAL WAS PREPARED JUST FOR US! HE SEEMED TO KNOW WE WERE COMING!
YEAH... AND WHAT HE SAID ABOUT SHOOTING BOLTS! DOES HE STILL USE A CROSSBOW?

SUDDENLY...
I GOT A SUDDEN FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS FOLLOWING US, GIL!
YEAH! I HAD THE SAME UNEASY SENSATION! SIT TIGHT, LEO! I'M GOING TO CUT BACK ON OUR TRAIL AND CHECK!

A RUSTLE IN THE UNDERBRUSH BROUGHT HIM WHEELING ABOUT, GUN AT SHOULDER...
I SAW A BOAR BUILT LIKE A SMALL PONY! I PUMPED FIVE SHOTS INTO HIM, BUT HE TOOK OFF! LOOK AT THE PRINTS!
THESE FOREST HOGS ARE SMALL! YOU MUST HAVE IMAGINED IT!
TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE FOOTPRINTS! I COULDN'T HAVE MISSED, BUT HE LEFT WITHOUT LEAVING A TRAIL!
YOU WEREN'T KIDDING! THAT PRINT IS BIG!
HEY, LOOK AT THIS! SOMETHING GOT INTO OUR PACKS!
SCATTERED ALL OVER! LOOKS LIKE IT WAS TORN UP WITH A VENGEANCE!
THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE, GIL! OUR AMMO BOXES ARE GONE!
I DON'T LIKE IT! THE PRINTS OF THE SAME BOAR! LOOK!
THEN A RUMBLING SOUND ROLLED OUT FROM BEHIND THEM! THEY WHEELED...
GIL, I'M THINKING OF WHAT THE OLD MAN SAID ABOUT THIS FOREST! SOMEHOW OR OTHER, THAT BOAR DELIBERATELY DESTROYED OUR AMMUNITION!
I'VE GOT THE SAME FEELING! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, LEO!
THAT'S HIM! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
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THEY HEARD THE BULLETS THUD HOME, BUT THE BOAR CAME ON, APPARENTLY UNINJURED...
GIL! I'M OUT OF AMMO!
SO AM I!
SUDDENLY, THE BOAR WHEELED TO FACE A NEW ENEMY, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE...
IT'S HUBERT!
GO QUICKLY NOW, GOOD FRIENDS! MORE DANGER LURKS IN THE FORBIDDEN FOREST! I MUST BID YOU FAREWELL!
BUT... WE WANT TO THANK YOU...
IN THE NEXT INSTANT, THE OLD MAN WAS GONE, SWALLOWED UP BY THE FORBIDDEN FOREST...
HE'S GONE... VANISHED!
YEAH! AND WE'RE GOING TOO! COME ON!
THE VILLAGERS LISTENED IN AWED BUT UNBELIEVING SILENCE TO THE STRANGE STORY...
YOU SAY THERE IS NO HUT IN THAT FOREST? I'M TELLING YOU WE ATE IN THAT OLD MAN'S HUT AND TALKED TO HIM!
IMPOSSIBLE, GENTLEMEN! THERE IS NO FORBIDDEN FOREST! THERE ARE BOARS, YES... BUT NOT SUCH BEASTS AS YOU DESCRIBE!
HERE'S THE OLD MAN'S KNIFE! WE REMOVED IT FROM THE BEAST'S CARCASS! DOES THAT PROVE ANYTHING?
LET ME SEE THAT KNIFE! COME WITH ME TO THE CHAPEL, PLEASE!
THE ANCIENT KNIFE FITTED PERFECTLY INTO THE SHEATH ON THE STATUE OF ST. HUBERT, THE PATRON SAINT OF BELGIAN HUNTERS...
IT FITS! THIS KNIFE HAS BEEN MISSING FROM THE STATUE OF ST. HUBERT SINCE THE 16TH CENTURY! GENTLEMEN, I CAN SAY NO MORE!
THE END
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TOPSY TURVY

A PRACTICAL joker can sometimes go too far. That's what happened when Igloo Jones tangled with Avery Cook. Avery didn't look like the kind of guy who would upset anyone. He was soft-spoken, so meek in fact that no one paid much attention to him. Igloo Jones gleefully regarded him as the perfect foil for his newest experiment.

Igloo was an "idea" man. He was always dreaming up gimmicks. I bet you've had the same kind of thoughts: *wouldn't-it-be-nice-if's*. For instance, wouldn't-it-be-nice-if you didn't have to shovel snow from the walk? Or, wouldn't-it-be-nice-if you didn't have to wear raincoats? Well, Igloo's inventiveness was helped by a private inheritance. He used the money to carry through on these practical brainstorms. His house was piled to the rafters with gadgets that really worked.

His answer to rain was a battery-operated repellent that forced the downpour away from himself and cleared the air two feet in every direction. His friends stared in amazement as he strolled down the streets as the rain pelted down, wetting them through, but leaving Igloo free to laugh at their discomfort.

"Quack, quack," he clucked in greeting. "You poor ducks must love the water. Sorry I can't share the dampness with you!"

And he would roar with laughter as people shook their heads, water drops pouring down their noses as they hurried about their business in the driving downpour.

After a particularly heavy snowstorm, he taunted the snow shovelers in the neighborhood by sauntering along, tossing his precious snow-disposal capsules into the air and catching them quickly in the palm of his hand.

"Pity you folks don't have a few of these to toss along the driveway. I cleared my place fast as a whistle." Then he would yawn sleepily and say, "Makes me tired just to watch you."

Most people tried not to give him the satisfaction of even asking to share in his remarkable discoveries.

"He just wants us to come begging for his precious inventions," old Mr. Dowdy theorized. "From the time he was a kid he never so much as shared a thing he had. He's clever, I'll admit. Why he was barely big enough to trip over, the day he first showed his talent. The bigger kids wouldn't let him in on building a snowman. 'Get yourself lost in an igloo!' they hollered after him. And I'll be popped if he doesn't build himself the finest igloo I ever did see. That's how he got his name. What's more, that igloo didn't *melt!* Cold-control gimmick he figured out. He's smart, but sassy. I'll bet he whips up these wonders just to tease us."

"What about that silly house he built out on Bell Street?" someone asked Mr. Dowdy. "Queerest place I ever did see from the outside. He's just got it finished, but he won't let a soul into it yet."

Mr. Dowdy shook his head in bewilderment. "Can't figure it out, either. I don't think Igloo plans to move into it. Say, we better quiet down. Here comes that timid newcomer, Avery Cook. The real estate man says he plans to settle here. Talk about Igloo Jones is liable to scare him off."

Avery Cook tipped his hat in greeting. His voice wavered shyly as he said Hello. His narrow shoulders were hunched forward as if he were afraid of offending someone by standing straight up and blocking one's vision.

"I sure hope Igloo doesn't start any of his tricks with that poor soul. He's a natural for Igloo's pranks."

Mr. Dowdy and his friends were apalled to see Igloo Jones' car zoom down the street and stop long enough for Avery Jones to climb inside. Suddenly, the town's real estate man ran up to them excitedly.

"I tried my best to warn him not to do business with Igloo. Avery Cook wants to buy a house, but he insisted on seeing that monstrosity Igloo put up on Bell Street. Igloo never expects to sell that house, I warrant, but he does want to tease Avery with whatever funny business he's set up there."

Igloo Jones had been itching to find himself an unsuspecting soul to spring his latest trick on. The Bell Street house was the end-all of Igloo's funny schemes. He could hardly contain his laughter at the thought of Avery after he got inside the house.

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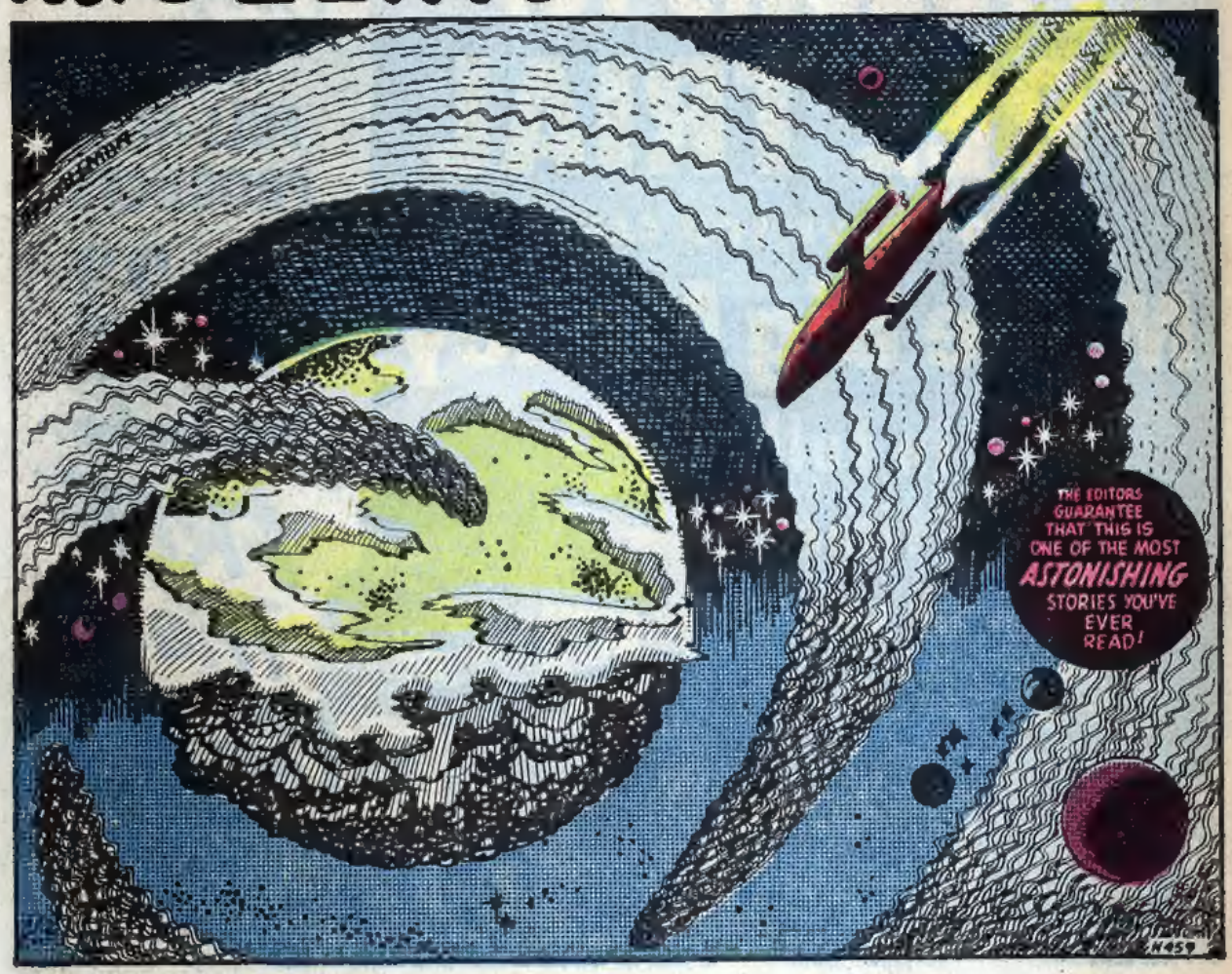
WAS HE JUST SEEING THINGS?



I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF IT, STROON ...AND THAT MIST ENSHROUDING IT WON'T MAKE A LANDING ANY EASIER!
PERHAPS NOT, TOREN, BUT IT'S OUR DUTY TO INVESTIGATE ALL UNCHARTED PLANETS LYING ALONG OUR LINE OF FLIGHT!

DON'T TAKE IT SO BADLY! WE MIGHT FIND SOMETHING WORTHWHILE AT THAT!
DON'T BE A FOOL! THAT MIST GIVES IT AWAY! IT'S A RECENTLY EVOLVED BODY WITH A THIN CRUST OVER A HOT CORE! WE'LL FIND NOTHING BUT RAIN, JUNGLES AND THE MOST PRIMITIVE KIND OF LIFE!
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WE VE ENTERED HER ATMOSPHERE, SIR TOXIC EFFECTS NEGATIVE! DO WE PREPARE TO LAND?
YES, DORN! I'LL TAKE THE CONTROLS.
IN A FLASHING ARC, THE SHIP SWOOPED DOWN THROUGH THE SWIRLING MIST AND INTO THE VERDANT GROWTH OF A STEAMING JUNGLE
MINUTES LATER, HAVING DONNED THEIR LANDING UNIFORMS, THEY SET FOOT ON THE STRANGE PLANET, THEIR EYES SEARCHING THE TANGLED GROWTH, THEIR WEAPONS READY AND WAITING...
WHAT DID I TELL YOU, STROON... NOTHING BUT PRIMEVAL JUNGLE! WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE STOPPED! WE SHOULD HAVE GONE ON DIRECTLY TO EARTH!
MAYBE SO, TOREN.. BUT NO HARM'S BEEN DONE.
THEN LET'S BLAST OFF BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE! I CAN'T PUT IT IN WORDS, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PLACE THAT'S BAD!
I'M STILL IN COMMAND! WE'LL LEAVE WHEN I SAY SO!
SUDDENLY, THE GROUND QUIVERED UNDERFOOT, FOLLOWED BY A RAUCOUS CRY
LOOK!
RAWW
IT'S A PRIMITIVE MONSTER! LIKE THOSE THAT LIVED ON EARTH MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO!
I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS. USE YOUR RAY GUNS!
IT'S GIVING GROUND!
AFTER IT!
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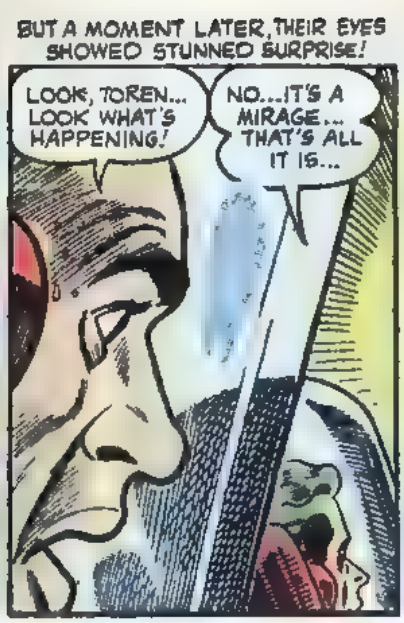
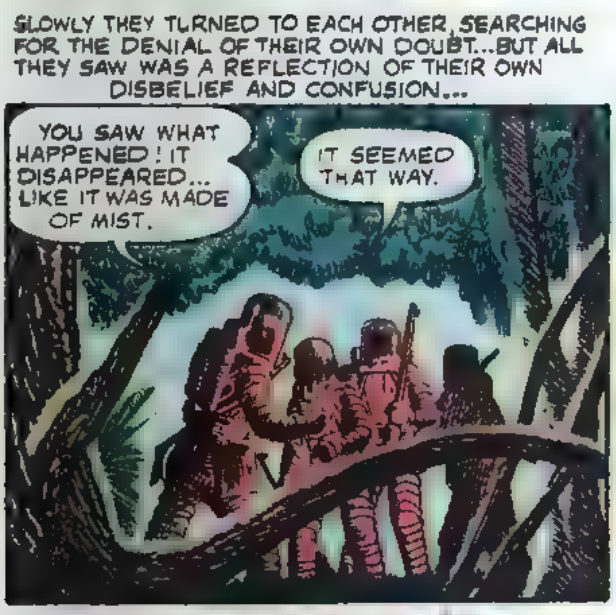
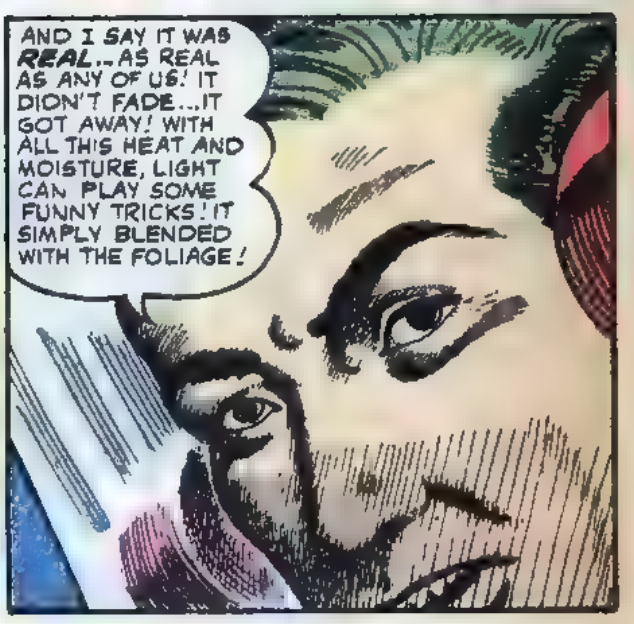
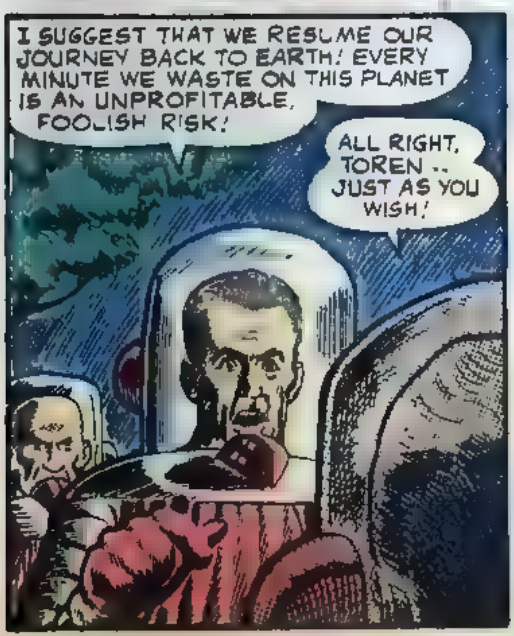
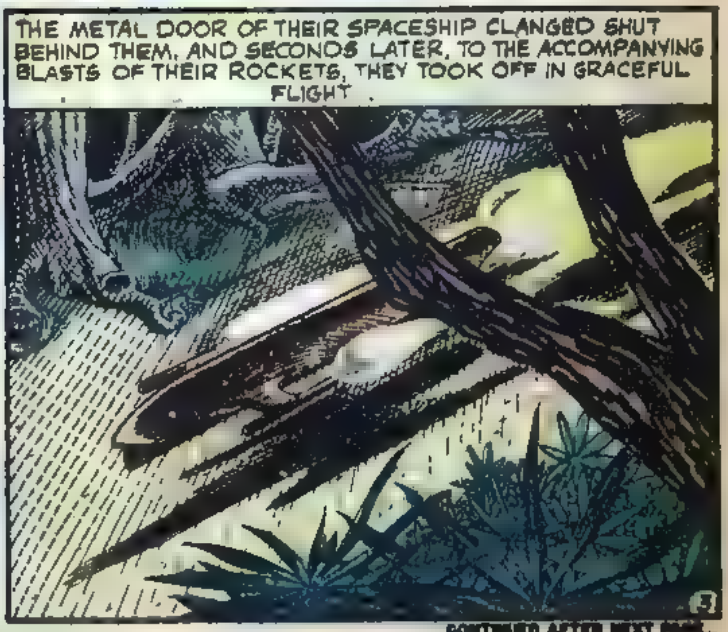



SLOWLY THEY TURNED TO EACH OTHER, SEARCHING FOR THE DENIAL OF THEIR OWN DOUBT...BUT ALL THEY SAW WAS A REFLECTION OF THEIR OWN DISBELIEF AND CONFUSION...
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED! IT DISAPPEARED... LIKE IT WAS MADE OF MIST.
IT SEEMED THAT WAY.


AND I SAY IT WAS REAL...AS REAL AS ANY OF US! IT DION'T FADE...IT GOT AWAY! WITH ALL THIS HEAT AND MOISTURE, LIGHT CAN PLAY SOME FUNNY TRICKS! IT SIMPLY BLENDED WITH THE FOLIAGE!


I SUGGEST THAT WE RESUME OUR JOURNEY BACK TO EARTH! EVERY MINUTE WE WASTE ON THIS PLANET IS AN UNPROFITABLE, FOOLISH RISK!
ALL RIGHT, TOREN -- JUST AS YOU WISH!


THE METAL DOOR OF THEIR SPACESHIP CLANGED SHUT BEHIND THEM, AND SECONDS LATER, TO THE ACCOMPANYING BLASTS OF THEIR ROCKETS, THEY TOOK OFF IN GRACEFUL FLIGHT .

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Get Rid of UGLY PIMPLES this new easy way!

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BEFORE

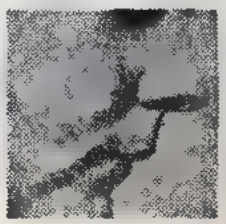
This young man suffered from a severe case of acne for years and tried all the usual "remedies" without success.

AFTER

Same young man after using KERAPLEX twice a day for just one week. Notice the decided improvement—pimples completely gone!

BEFORE

Note more than a dozen blemishes on just one side of this girl's face before KERAPLEX was applied.



AFTER

Same girl had used KERAPLEX twice a day for only 5 days when above photo was taken. Note the amazing improvement.

WHAT USERS SAY:

"I was suffering from a severe case of acne . . . and with only 4 days' treatment with Keraplex . . . was completely relieved."—P. S.

"I have been completely satisfied with your lotion to help clear up the pimples on my face."—K. W.

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BUT AS THEY BECAME A DWINDLING SPECK IN OUTER SPACE, A MOST SINGULAR EVENT WAS TAKING PLACE ON THE PLANET BELOW! GRADUALLY THE MIST ROLLED BACK, REVEALING AN ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT SCENE...

CULTIVATED FIELDS BATHED IN THE PUREST SUNLIGHT! GONE WAS THE DANK, STEAMING JUNGLE, AND IN ITS PLACE THE GLEAMING, WHITE STRUCTURES OF AN ULTRAMODERN CITY...

AND FROM ONE OF THE SOARING TOWERS, TWO OF THE INHABITANTS GAZED INTO THE SKY...

IT SEEMS, JUNAR, THAT OUR VISITORS LEFT RATHER QUICKLY!

NO FASTER THAN ANY OF THE OTHERS WHO HAD MADE THE UNHAPPY CHOICE OF LANDING ON OUR PLANET!

I WONDER HOW THEY SAW US? WERE WE AS A BLEAK, FROZEN WORLD... OR A JUNGLE, INHABITED BY SAVAGE BEASTS?

WE'LL NEVER KNOW! WHATEVER THEY SAW WOULD BE A MENTAL IMAGE RELATING BACK TO THEIR ***OWN*** PLANET'S BACKGROUND! THAT IS WHAT MAKES OUR DEFENSE SO UNIQUE!

AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO PRODUCE AN OBJECTIONABLE DIMENSIONAL HALLUCINATION UPON ALL OUTSIDERS WHO TOUCH OUR SOIL... THEN WE ARE SAFE! THEY WILL NOT THINK US WORTHY OF EXPLORATION, AND WE SHALL BE LEFT IN PEACE!

AND AS THE ROCKET SHIP CHURNED ITS WAY THROUGH LONELY SPACE..

I DON'T KNOW, TOREN! I STILL SAY THERE WAS SOMETHING STRANGE ON THAT PLANET... A MYSTERY WORTH SOLVING!

AND I REPEAT THAT YOU'RE WRONG! WE SAW WHAT IT WAS... A PRIMITIVE JUNGLE-INFESTED WORLD!

ANYTHING ELSE YOU MAY THINK, IS ALL IN YOUR MIND... NOTHING BUT PURE ***HALLUCINATION!***

YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT, TOREN: WHAT ELSE ***COULD*** IT BE?

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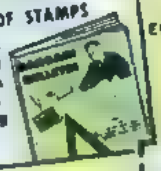

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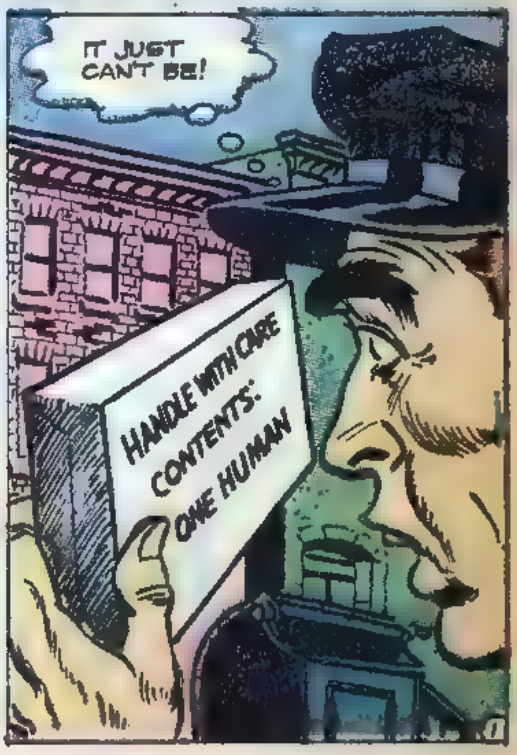
THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN A LOT OF STRANGE THINGS GOING THROUGH THE MAILS, BUT NEVER BEFORE HAD THEY COME ACROSS A CONTAINER WITH THE STARTLING NOTATION...

CONTENTS: ONE HUMAN!

HUH? SOMETHING IN THAT BOX MOANED!
THE SUPREME GUARANTEES THAT THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST ASTONISHING STORIES YOU'VE EVER READ!

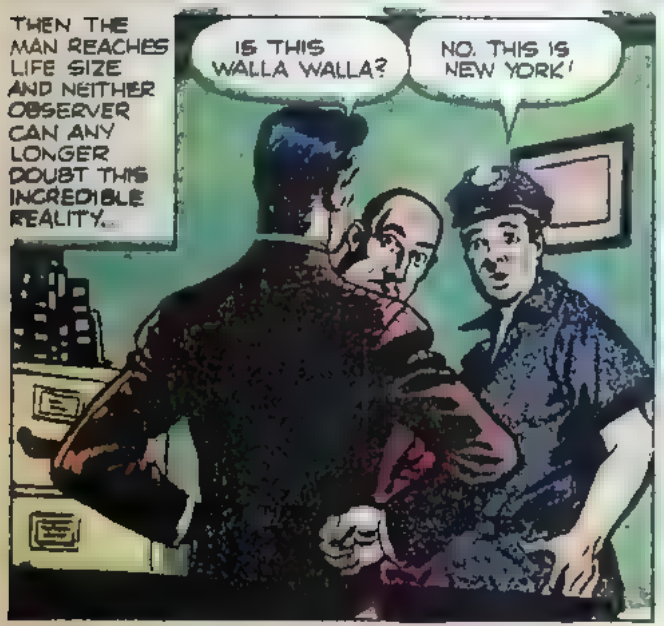
THEN SAM SHORE'S EYES WIDEN, AS HE READS THE NOTICE ON THE PACKAGE...



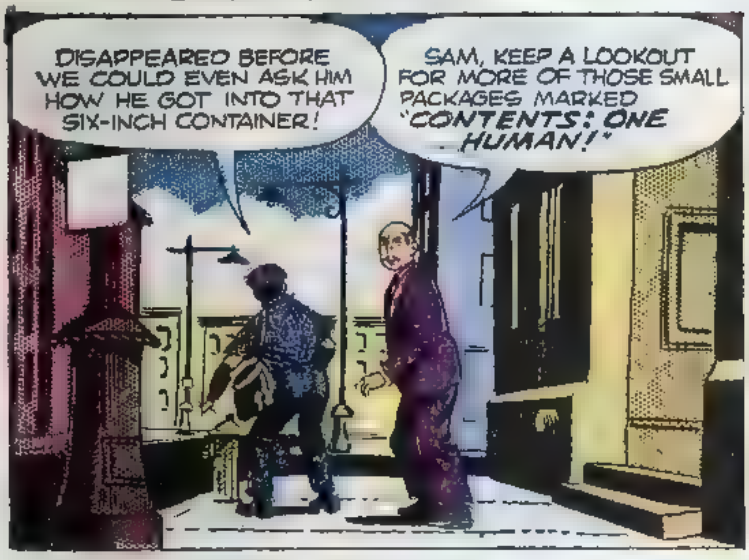
TURNING OVER HIS MAIL TO ANOTHER POSTMAN, SAM SHORE RACES TO HIS CHIEF WITH HIS ASTONISHING PACKAGE.

THEN SUDDENLY, THE TINY MAN MAN BEGINS TO GROW WITH AMAZING SPEED..

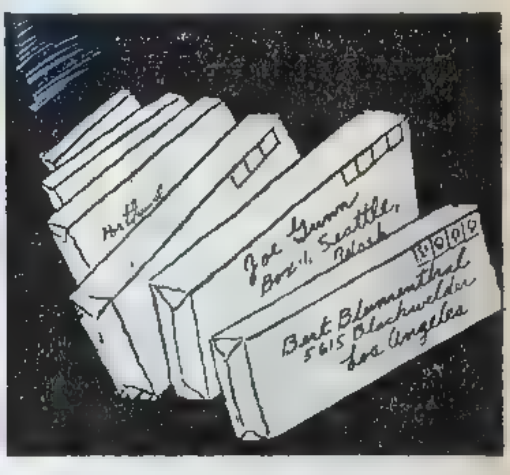
THEN THE MAN REACHES LIFE SIZE AND NEITHER OBSERVER CAN ANY LONGER DOUBT THIS INCREDIBLE REALITY..



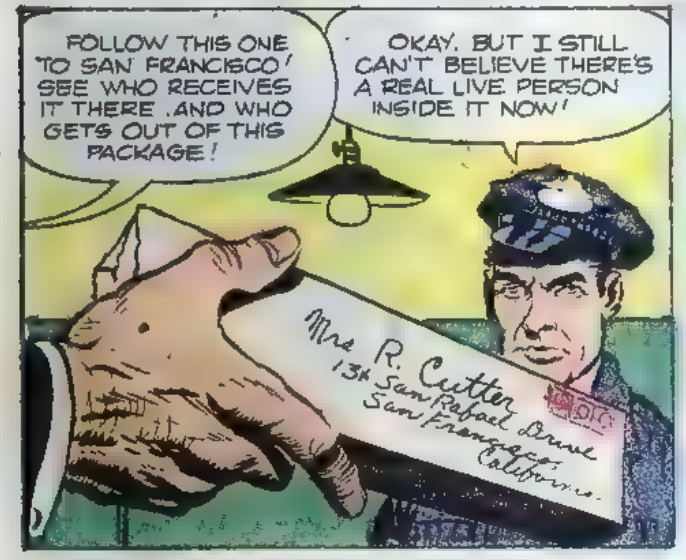
BEFORE THE POSTMEN CAN GATHER THEIR WITS, THE STRANGE MAN-FROM-THE-BOX STRIDES FROM THE OFFICE AND VANISHES..


DISAPPEARED BEFORE WE COULD EVEN ASK HIM HOW HE GOT INTO THAT SIX-INCH CONTAINER!
SAM, KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR MORE OF THOSE SMALL PACKAGES MARKED "CONTENTS: ONE HUMAN!"

WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, SAM SHORE TURNS UP SEVERAL MORE OF THE STRANGE PACKAGES! THEY ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON, THEIR DESTINATION IS: FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, ALMOST ALWAYS CLEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY..



THEN SAM'S CHIEF DECIDES TO SEE WHAT'S AT THE OTHER END OF THIS BAFFLING MAIL SYSTEM ...


FOLLOW THIS ONE TO SAN FRANCISCO! SEE WHO RECEIVES IT THERE .AND WHO GETS OUT OF THIS PACKAGE!
OKAY. BUT I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S A REAL LIVE PERSON INSIDE IT NOW!
Mrs. R. Cutter
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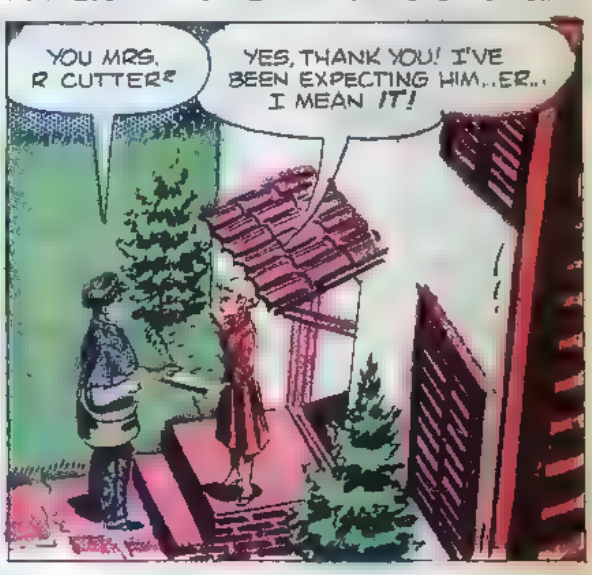
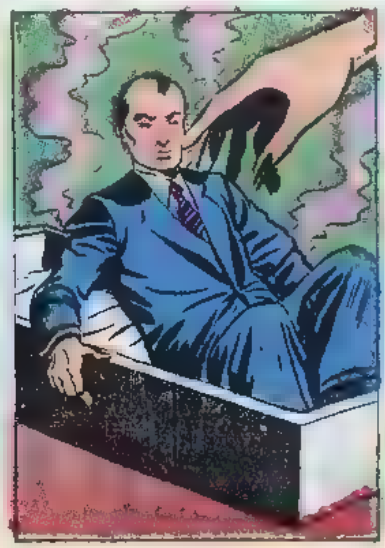
San Francisco, California

AT SAN FRANCISCO, SAM SHORE HEADS FOR THE ADDRESS AND DELIVERS THE UNUSUAL PACKAGE.



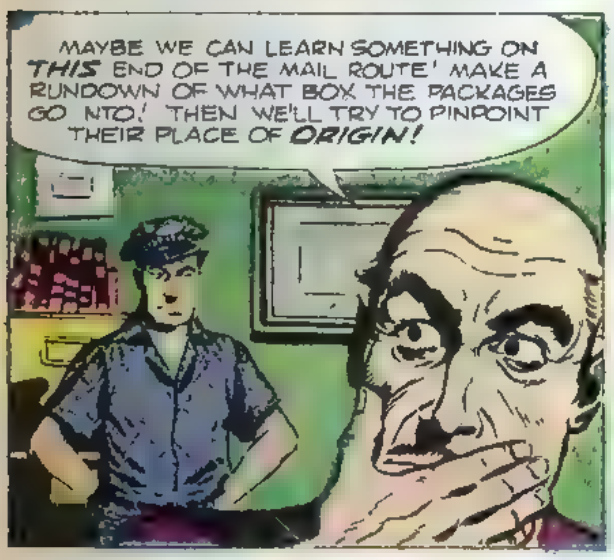
THEN SAM SHORE DOUBLES BACK AND PEEKS THROUGH A SIDE WINDOW, AS THE WOMAN OPENS THE PACKAGE ...

SAM SHORE WATCHES AS A TINY MAN SWIFTLY EXPANDS INTO A REGULAR-SIZED HUMAN...

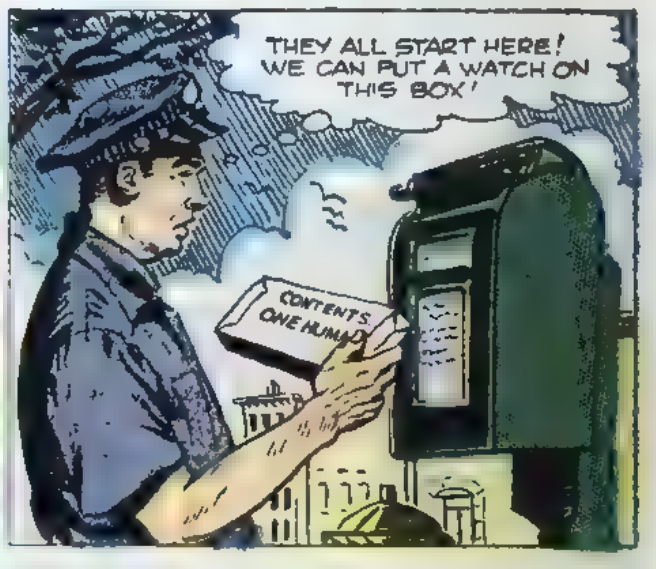


THEN SAM SHORE RINGS THE FRONT DOORBELL..

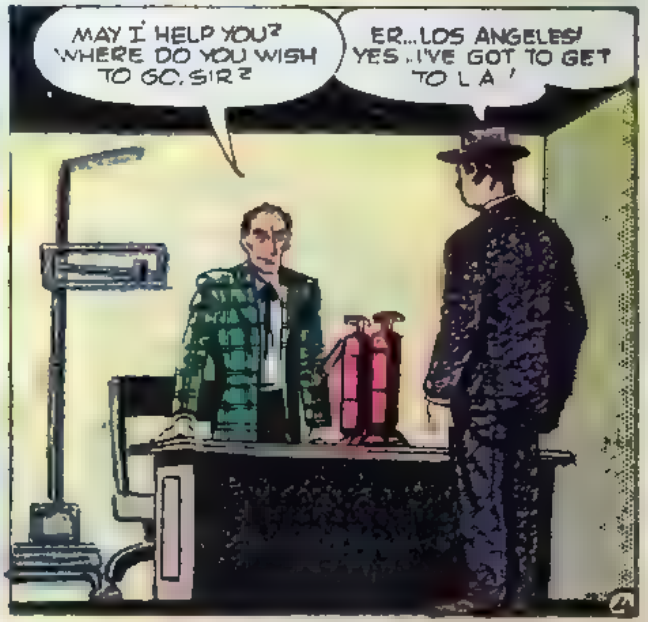
REPORTING BACK TO HIS CHIEF, SAM TELLS OF HIS FAILURE TO SOLVE THE STRANGE MYSTERY..


MAYBE WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING ON THIS END OF THE MAIL ROUTE! MAKE A RUNDOWN OF WHAT BOX THE PACKAGES GO INTO! THEN WE'LL TRY TO PINPOINT THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN!

AFTER A WEEK OF CAREFUL CHECKING, SAM SHORE LOCATES THE MAIL BOX...

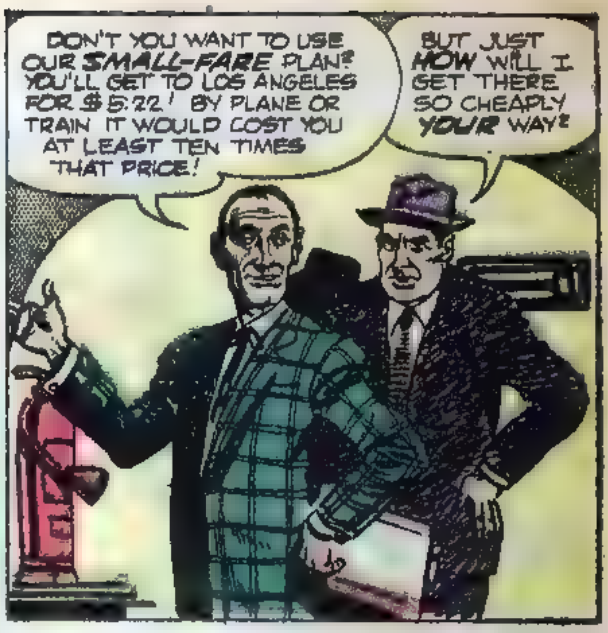


FOUR DAYS LATER THE VIGIL IS REWARDED! SAM FOLLOWS THE MAN WHO DROPPED THE BAFFLING PACKAGES INTO THE MAIL BOX...



THE MAN USHERS THE STILL PUZZLED SAM SHORE TO A SCALE...

AT YOUR REDUCED WEIGHT, THE POSTAGE WILL BE TWENTY-TWO CENTS PLUS FIVE DOLLARS FOR THE USUAL SERVICE CHARGE!
FOR WHAT "SERVICE"?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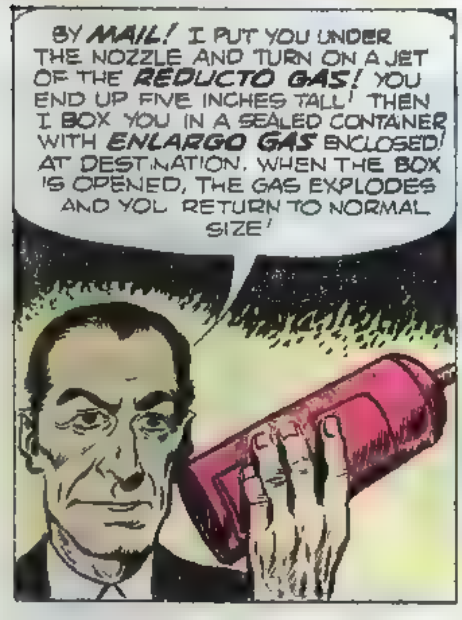
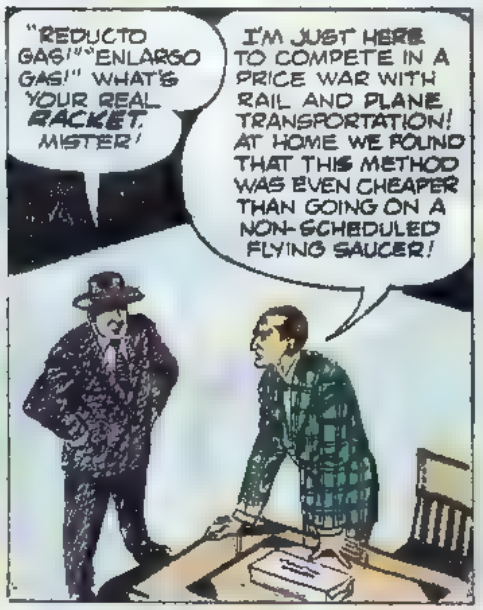
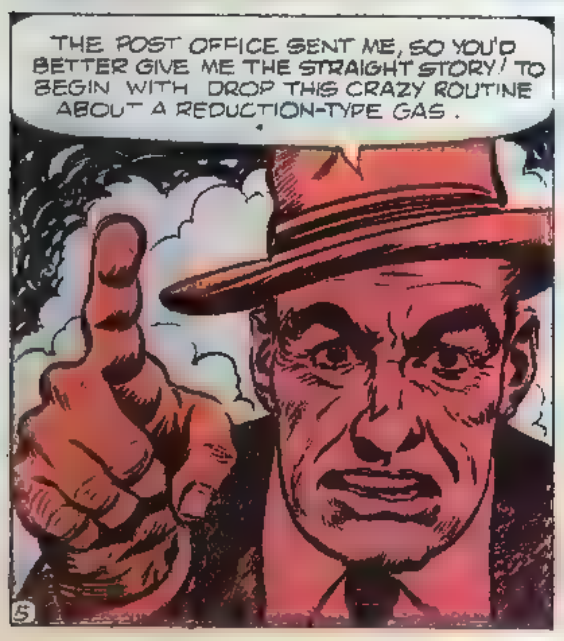
BUT JUST HOW WILL I GET THERE SO CHEAPLY YOUR WAY?


BY MAIL! I PUT YOU UNDER THE NOZZLE AND TURN ON A JET OF THE REDUCTO GAS! YOU END UP FIVE INCHES TALL! THEN I BOX YOU IN A SEALED CONTAINER WITH ENLARGO GAS ENCLOSED! AT DESTINATION, WHEN THE BOX IS OPENED, THE GAS EXPLODES AND YOU RETURN TO NORMAL SIZE!


"REDUCTO GAS!" "ENLARGO GAS!" WHAT'S YOUR REAL RACKET, MISTER!
I'M JUST HERE TO COMPETE IN A PRICE WAR WITH RAIL AND PLANE TRANSPORTATION! AT HOME WE FOUND THAT THIS METHOD WAS EVEN CHEAPER THAN GOING ON A NON-SCHEDULED FLYING SAUCER!


THE POST OFFICE SENT ME, SO YOU'D BETTER GIVE ME THE STRAIGHT STORY! TO BEGIN WITH DROP THIS CRAZY ROUTINE ABOUT A REDUCTION-TYPE GAS.
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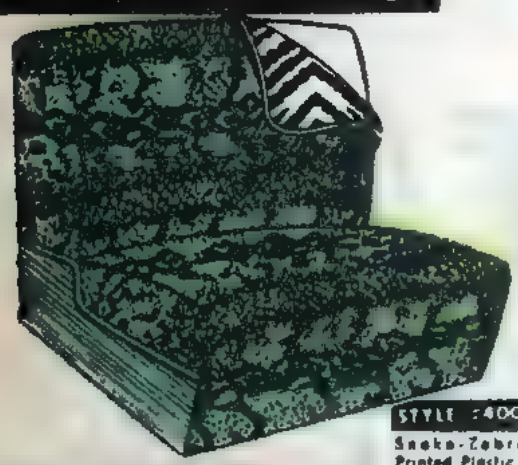

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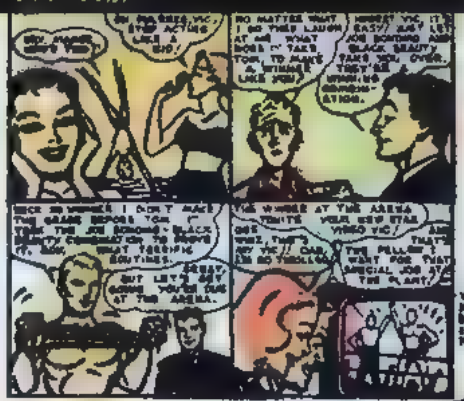

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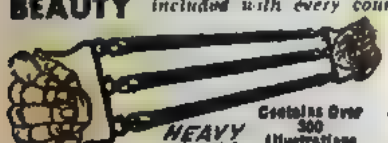

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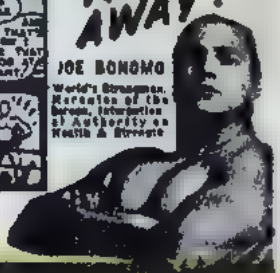

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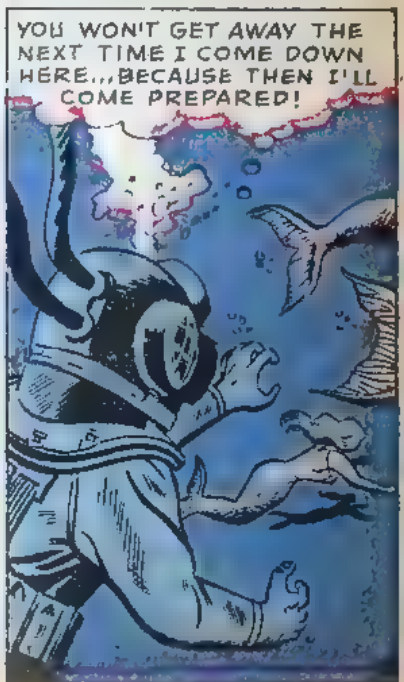
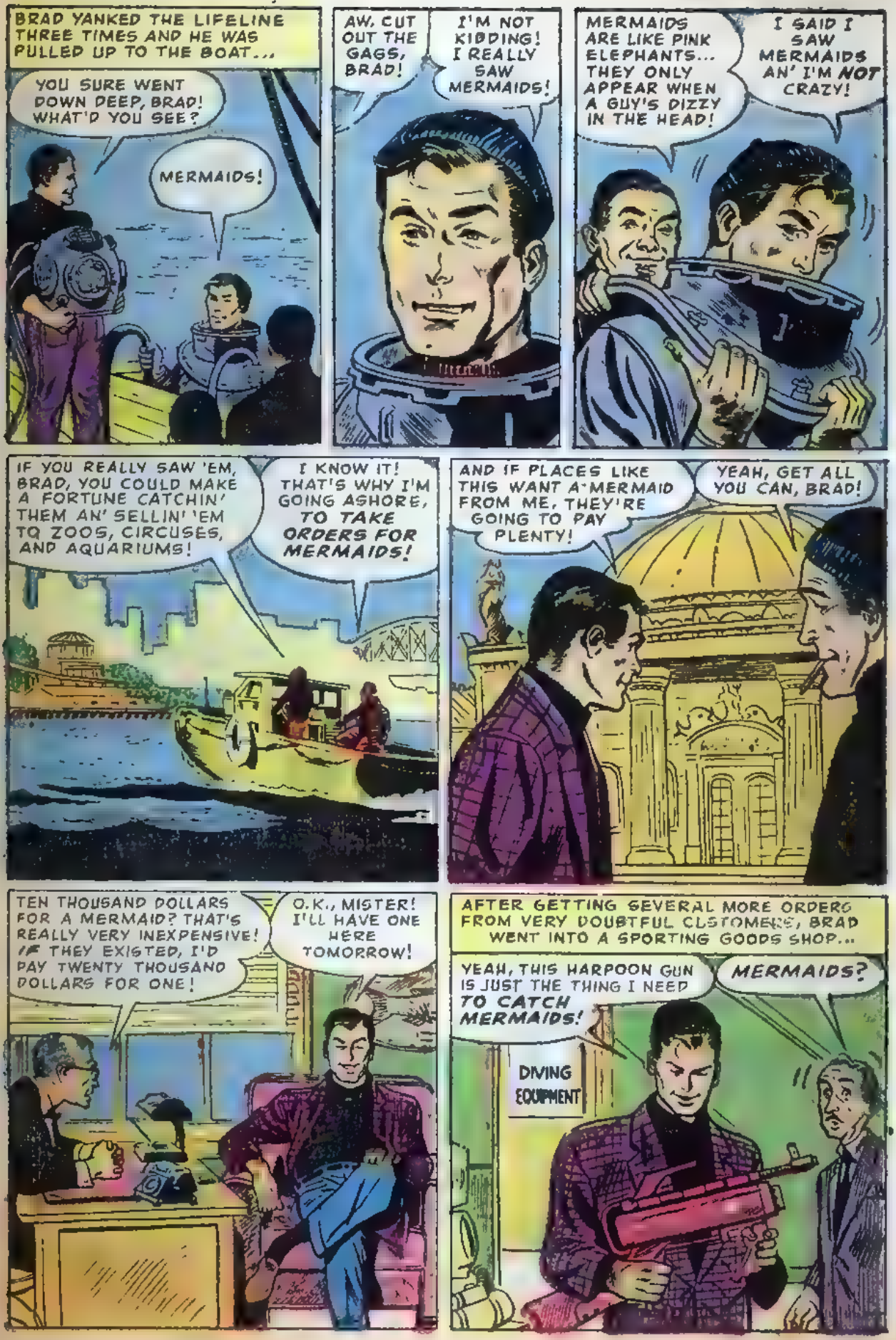
WHAT LURKS BENEATH?

BUT WHEN BRAD REACHED OUT FOR THE MERMAIDS, THEY FLAPPED THEIR TAILS AND SWAM AWAY...




BRAD YANKED THE LIFELINE THREE TIMES AND HE WAS PULLED UP TO THE BOAT...
YOU SURE WENT DOWN DEEP, BRAD! WHAT'D YOU SEE?
MERMAIDS!
AW, CUT OUT THE GAGS, BRAD!
I'M NOT KIDDING! I REALLY SAW MERMAIDS!
MERMAIDS ARE LIKE PINK ELEPHANTS... THEY ONLY APPEAR WHEN A GUY'S DIZZY IN THE HEAD!
I SAID I SAW MERMAIDS AN' I'M NOT CRAZY!
IF YOU REALLY SAW 'EM, BRAD, YOU COULD MAKE A FORTUNE CATCHIN' THEM AN' SELLIN' 'EM TO ZOOS, CIRCUSES, AND AQUARIUMS!
I KNOW IT! THAT'S WHY I'M GOING ASHORE, TO TAKE ORDERS FOR MERMAIDS!
AND IF PLACES LIKE THIS WANT A MERMAID FROM ME, THEY'RE GOING TO PAY PLENTY!
YEAH, GET ALL YOU CAN, BRAD!
TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A MERMAID? THAT'S REALLY VERY INEXPENSIVE! IF THEY EXISTED, I'D PAY TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ONE!
O.K., MISTER! I'LL HAVE ONE HERE TOMORROW!
AFTER GETTING SEVERAL MORE ORDERS FROM VERY DOUBTFUL CUSTOMERS, BRAD WENT INTO A SPORTING GOODS SHOP...
YEAH, THIS HARPOON GUN IS JUST THE THING I NEED TO CATCH MERMAIDS!
MERMAIDS?
DIVING EQUIPMENT

EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING, BRAD BENSON WAS READY FOR HIS DIVE...

WHEN I FILL ALL THOSE ORDERS FOR MERMAIDS, I'LL BE *RICH!* AND I'LL HAVE THE LAUGH ON YOU GUYS WHO DON'T BELIEVE ME!

DOWN INTO THE MYSTERIOUS BLUE WORLD WENT BRAD! THE THOUGHT OF MONEY GAVE HIM COURAGE AS HE SANK DEEPER AND DEEPER...

I'LL SHOW THOSE GUYS!

IT SEEMED HOURS BEFORE HIS HEAVY LEAD BOOTS TOUCHED THE SANDY BOTTOM..

THIS IS THE EXACT SPOT I CAME DOWN YESTERDAY WHEN I SAW THE MERMAIDS!

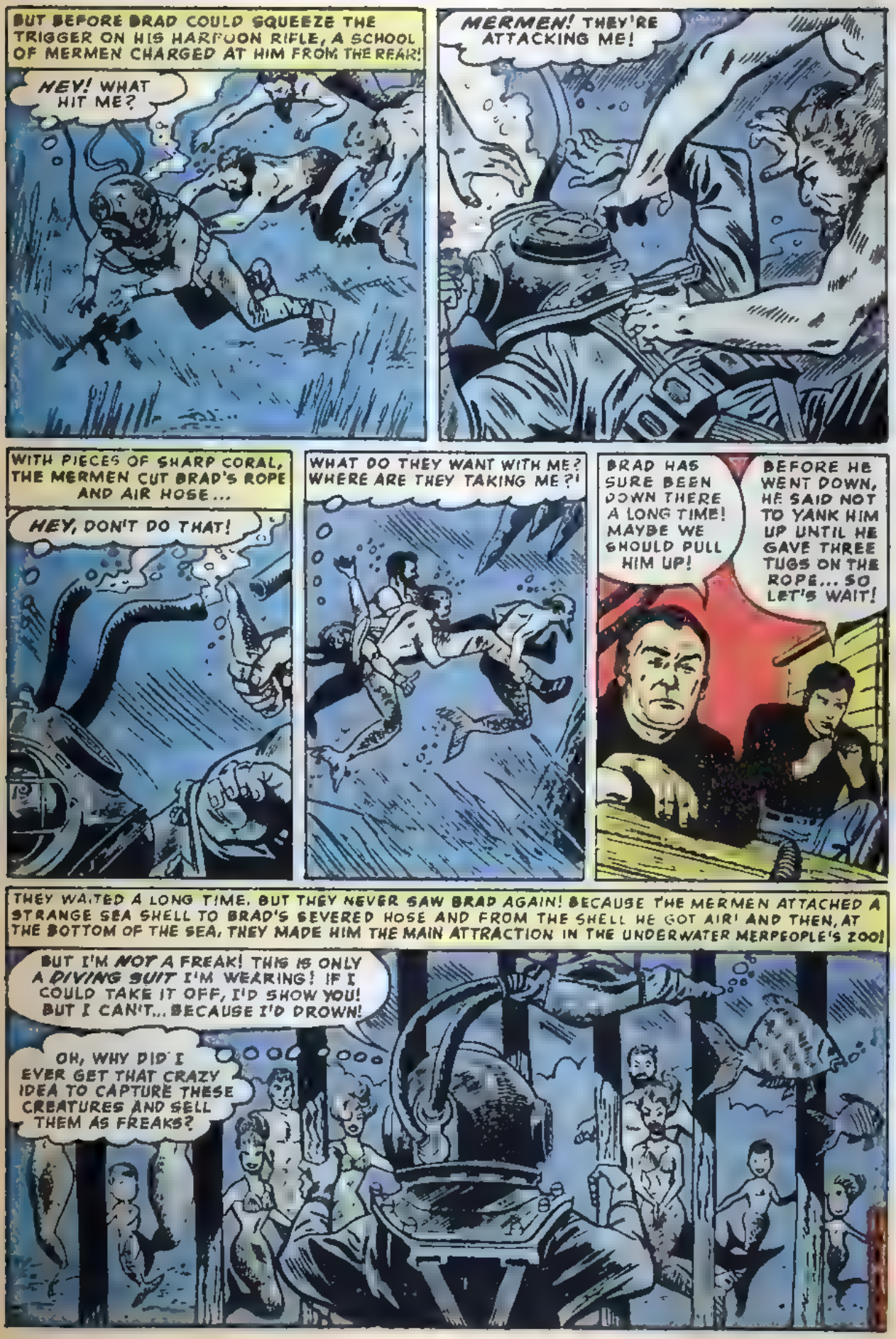
BUT THERE ARE NO MERMAIDS HERE TODAY! MAYBE THOSE GUYS UP THERE WERE RIGHT... MAYBE I WAS ONLY HAVIN' UNDERWATER MIRAGES YESTERDAY!

BRAD STALKED THE SEA BOTTOM, SEARCHING BEHIND UNDERWATER BOULDERS, BETWEEN MOUNTAINS OF CORAL TINTED WITH ALL COLORS OF THE RAINBOW...

I CAN'T FIND THEM ANYWHERE! I BETTER SIGNAL FOR THE MEN ON THE BOAT TO HAUL ME UP!

HE GRABBED THE ROPE AND WAS ABOUT TO YANK, WHEN THRU THE CIRCULAR WINDOW OF HIS DIVE HELMET, HE SAW A SIGHT THAT MADE HIM CHUCKLE...

HA! THERE THEY ARE! HUNDREDS OF 'EM! AND MY HARPOON GUN IS READY TO WING 'EM!


BUT BEFORE BRAD COULD SQUEEZE THE TRIGGER ON HIS HARPOON RIFLE, A SCHOOL OF MERMEN CHARGED AT HIM FROM THE REAR!
HEY! WHAT HIT ME?
MERMEN! THEY'RE ATTACKING ME!
WITH PIECES OF SHARP CORAL, THE MERMEN CUT BRAD'S ROPE AND AIR HOSE...
HEY, DON'T DO THAT!
WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH ME? WHERE ARE THEY TAKING ME?!
BRAD HAS SURE BEEN DOWN THERE A LONG TIME! MAYBE WE SHOULD PULL HIM UP!
BEFORE HE WENT DOWN, HE SAID NOT TO YANK HIM UP UNTIL HE GAVE THREE TUGS ON THE ROPE... SO LET'S WAIT!
THEY WAITED A LONG TIME. BUT THEY NEVER SAW BRAD AGAIN! BECAUSE THE MERMEN ATTACHED A STRANGE SEA SHELL TO BRAD'S SEVERED HOSE AND FROM THE SHELL HE GOT AIR! AND THEN, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, THEY MADE HIM THE MAIN ATTRACTION IN THE UNDERWATER MERPEOPLE'S ZOO!
BUT I'M NOT A FREAK! THIS IS ONLY A DIVING SUIT I'M WEARING! IF I COULD TAKE IT OFF, I'D SHOW YOU! BUT I CAN'T... BECAUSE I'D DROWN!
OH, WHY DID I EVER GET THAT CRAZY IDEA TO CAPTURE THESE CREATURES AND SELL THEM AS FREAKS?

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Passersby may have noticed the peculiar spacing of the windows, but they hadn't found out the true secret . . . *that the insides of the house were built upside-down.* Once an unsuspecting visitor walked through the hallway he would come into a living room and walk on the ceiling, or so it appeared anyway. Ingeniously, Igloo had designed the furniture and rugs so that they adhered to the ceiling. The result was remarkable and the unsuspecting visitor would run circles around himself before he found his way out of the ridiculous place.

Igloo was accustomed to the dizzying sensation of walking through the place, but it had taken him a long time to get used to it without falling flat on his nose. He relished the fun he would have chasing Avery around the place, watching his helpless skidding into walls, his clumsy angling around chandeliers pinned to the place you walked . . . the floor. You would get the sensation of walking on the ceiling if you raised your eyes and saw table and chairs swinging at you from overhead.

Opening the door, he gallantly told Avery to inspect the house for himself. And an amazing thing happened! Faster than rockets, old Avery somersaulted upwards and sat suspended in one of the upside-down-chairs overhead. Avery sighed with relief, and Igloo's mouth fell open in astonishment.

"At last!" Avery exulted. "Another day of gravitational strain on Earth would have finished me. I thought that pioneering from my atmosphere into this world would bring our peoples together happily, but I could hardly keep my feet. Now I feel at home. My folks back in Moonomia will settle here immediately, Mr. Jones, if you'll build us more of these wonderful houses."

Igloo was feeling dizzy, swaying back and forth, his head craned upwards in amazement at Avery perching from above.

"But this house is a joke," Igloo wailed. "You're supposed to feel upside-down." Igloo waltzed helplessly around in circles, terribly upset by a sudden lack of balance as Avery ran exultantly over his head.

"Here's a deposit for this wonderful place," Avery sang out, tossing down a pile of green bills. "I'll pay whatever you ask for each house you build. We Moonomians can put up with your gravity during a working day, but at night we like to relax from the strain. How can I ever thank you!"

Igloo Jones staggered out of the house, exhausted. He would never again play tricks on people. But he made up his mind to build the Moonomian village, the first of its kind upon Earth. People happily knew that Igloo Jones had taken a step in the right direction, and to the Moonomians, especially, Igloo was the tops!

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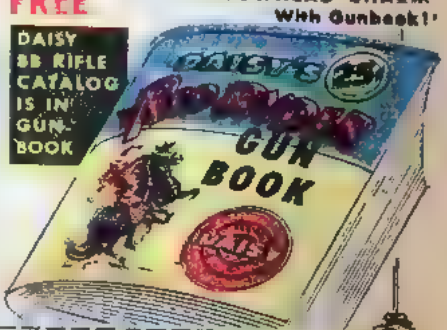

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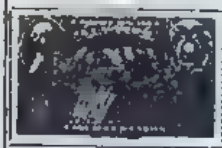

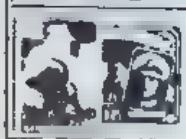

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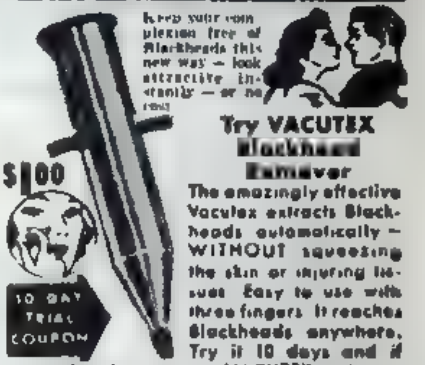

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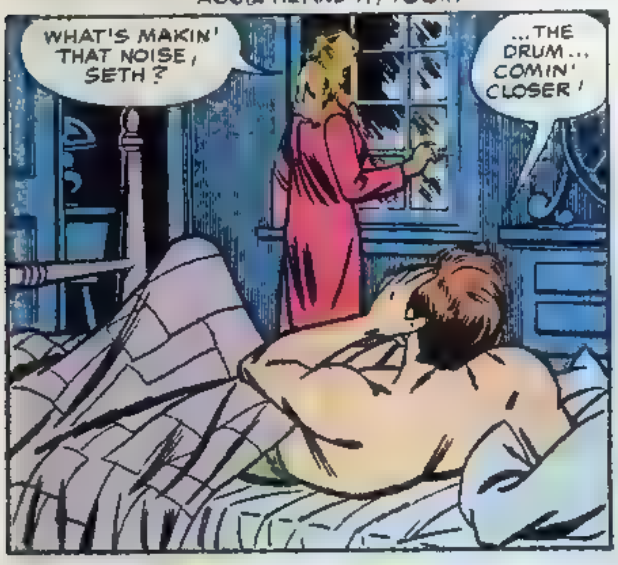
I HEAR THE THUMP!

I'M A DESERTER.. I'D FACE A FIRING SQUAD FOR THAT! BUT THAT'S THE CHANCE I HAD TO TAKE! I JUST COULDN'T STAND HEARIN THE DRUM... ALWAYS THE DRUM!

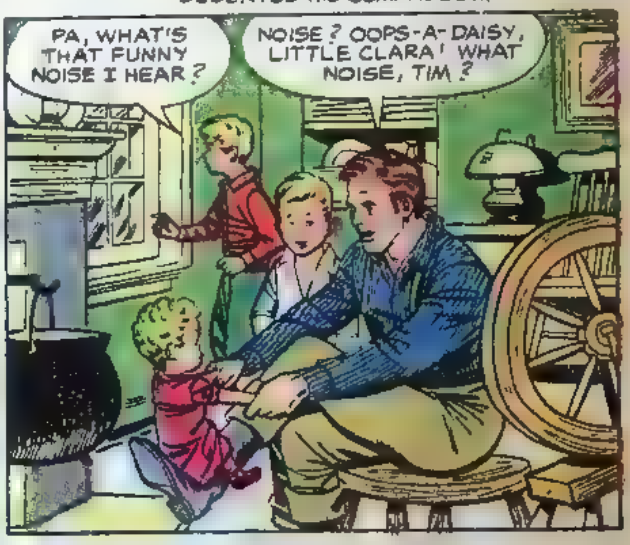
I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO LOOK ANY OF MY COMRADES IN THE EYE AGAIN! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HEAR THE THUMP OF A DRUM WITHOUT REMEMBERIN'!

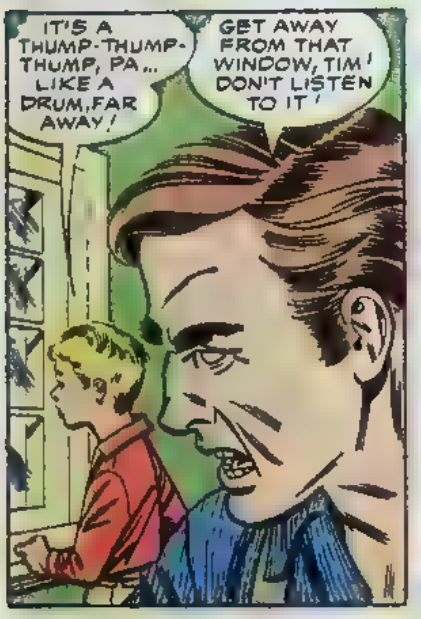
SETH HID OUT TILL IT WAS ALL OVER! THEN HE WENT BACK TO HIS LONELY FARMHOUSE IN NEW ENGLAND...
THE OLD FARM'S NEGLECTED, BUT I'LL BRING IT BACK TO LIFE! I'LL WORK HARD AND I'LL FORGET!
AGGIE! WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' HERE?
I KNOW THE WAR'S OVER, SETH... I BEEN WAITIN' SINCE THE END, COMIN' HERE EVERY DAY AND WAITIN'!
YOU WANT TO TELL ME ABOUT THE WAR, SETH?
I DON'T EVER WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT, AGGIE!
I'VE WAITED FOR YOU, SETH... IF YOU STILL WANT ME!
YES, AGGIE... I WANT TO MARRY YOU AND START LIFE ALL OVER, LIKE NONE OF IT EVER EXISTED BEFORE TODAY!
THEY WERE MARRIED SOON, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, SETH WAS HAPPY! HE WAS FORGETTING... TILL THAT NIGHT...
WHAT IS IT, SETH?
I HEAR THE THUMP, AGGIE! LISTEN! CAN'T YOU HEAR IT, TOO?
I HEAR NOTHIN', SETH!
I KNOW THE BEAT OF A DRUM WHEN I HEAR IT! IT'S FAR OFF... CALLIN' ME!
SETH, WHERE ARE YOU GOIN'?
I WANT TO GO UP ON THE KNOLL... I'LL BE ABLE TO HEAR BETTER THERE! MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE 'EM!

OFTEN AFTER THAT, SETH HEARD THE DISTANT THUMP, BUT IT WAS DRAWING NEARER, AND AFTER A WHILE, AGGIE HEARD IT, TOO...



THE YEARS PASSED AND CHILDREN CAME TO THE MEEKERS. SETH FOUND LIFE PLEASANT WITH HIS WORK AND FAMILY, SO HE FORGOT THE TIME HE DESERTED HIS COMRADES...

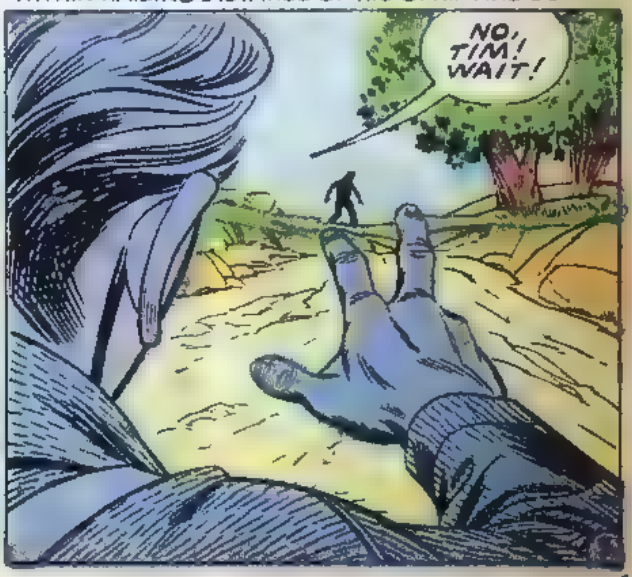


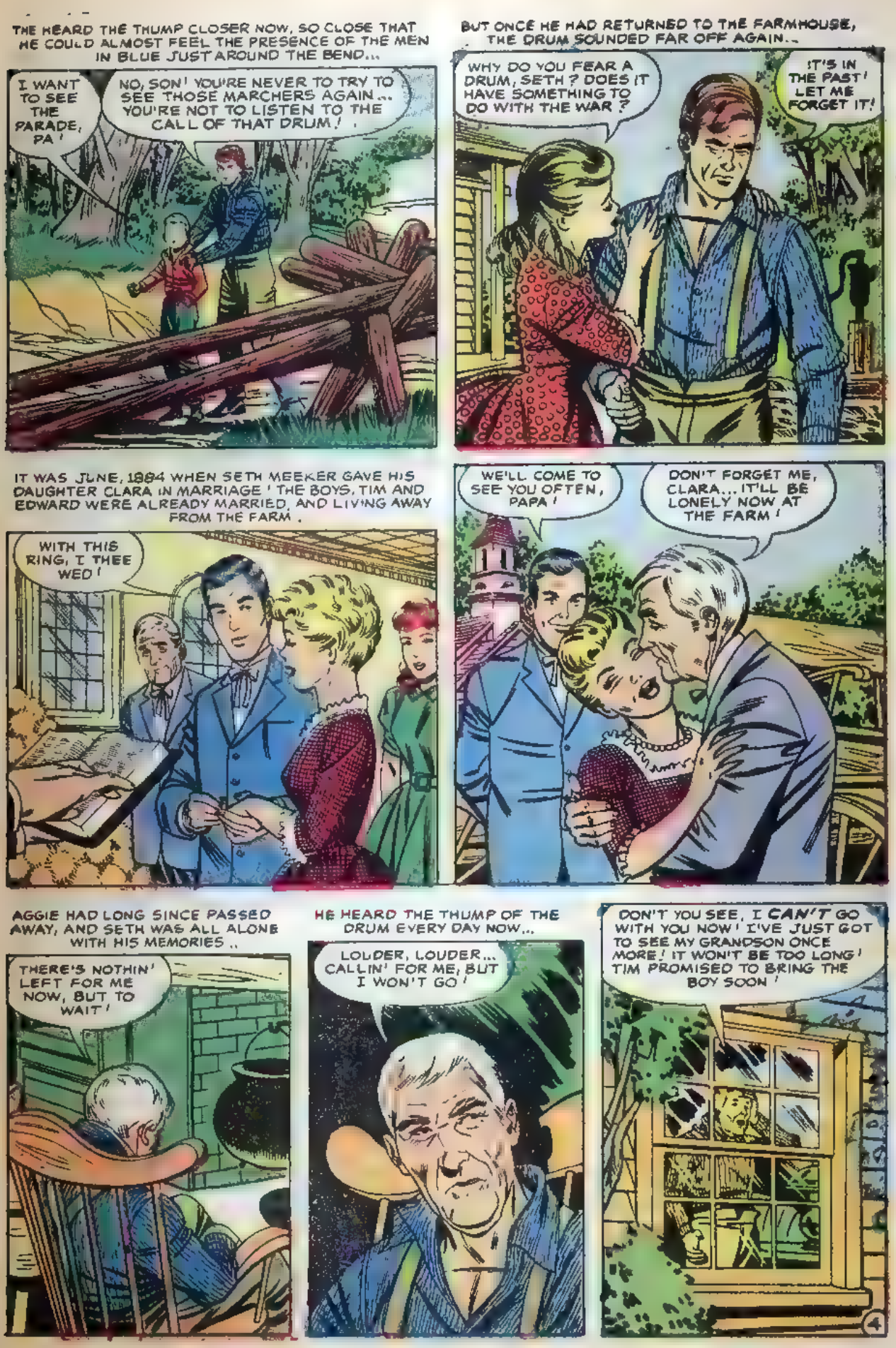


THE ROLL OF THE DRUM CAME MORE FREQUENTLY NOW! THEN ONE DAY...

I SAID, WHERE IS TIM?
OH, COULDN'T HEAR YOU FOR MY CHOPPIN'! I SAW TIM LESS'N A MINUTE AGO, STREAKIN' DOWN THE ROAD TO SOUTH WOODSVILLE!

THE FATHER RAN A GOOD HALF-MILE BEFORE COMING WITHIN HAILING DISTANCE OF HIS SPRINTING SON...




HE HEARD THE THUMP CLOSER NOW, SO CLOSE THAT HE COULD ALMOST FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE MEN IN BLUE JUST AROUND THE BEND...
I WANT TO SEE THE PARADE, PA!
NO, SON! YOU'RE NEVER TO TRY TO SEE THOSE MARCHERS AGAIN... YOU'RE NOT TO LISTEN TO THE CALL OF THAT DRUM!
BUT ONCE HE HAD RETURNED TO THE FARMHOUSE, THE DRUM SOUNDED FAR OFF AGAIN..
WHY DO YOU FEAR A DRUM, SETH? DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE WAR?
IT'S IN THE PAST! LET ME FORGET IT!
IT WAS JUNE, 1884 WHEN SETH MEEKER GAVE HIS DAUGHTER CLARA IN MARRIAGE! THE BOYS, TIM AND EDWARD WERE ALREADY MARRIED, AND LIVING AWAY FROM THE FARM.
WITH THIS RING, I THEE WED!
WE'LL COME TO SEE YOU OFTEN, PAPA!
DON'T FORGET ME, CLARA... IT'LL BE LONELY NOW AT THE FARM!
AGGIE HAD LONG SINCE PASSED AWAY, AND SETH WAS ALL ALONE WITH HIS MEMORIES ..
THERE'S NOTHIN' LEFT FOR ME NOW, BUT TO WAIT!
HE HEARD THE THUMP OF THE DRUM EVERY DAY NOW...
LOUDER, LOUDER... CALLIN' FOR ME, BUT I WON'T GO!
DON'T YOU SEE, I CAN'T GO WITH YOU NOW! I'VE JUST GOT TO SEE MY GRANDSON ONCE MORE! IT WON'T BE TOO LONG! TIM PROMISED TO BRING THE BOY SOON!
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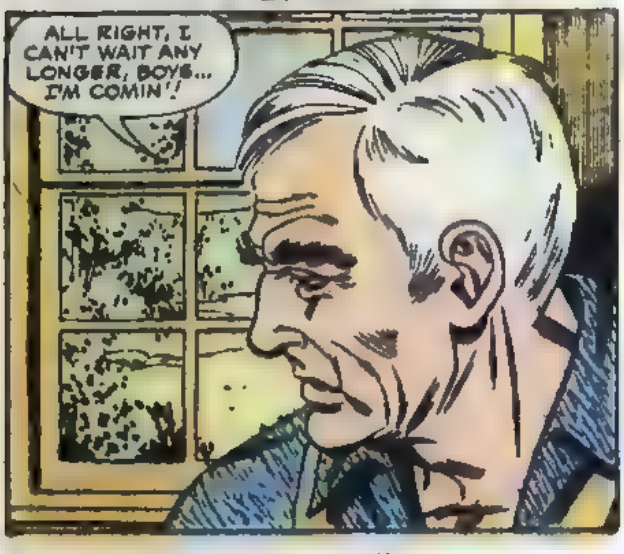
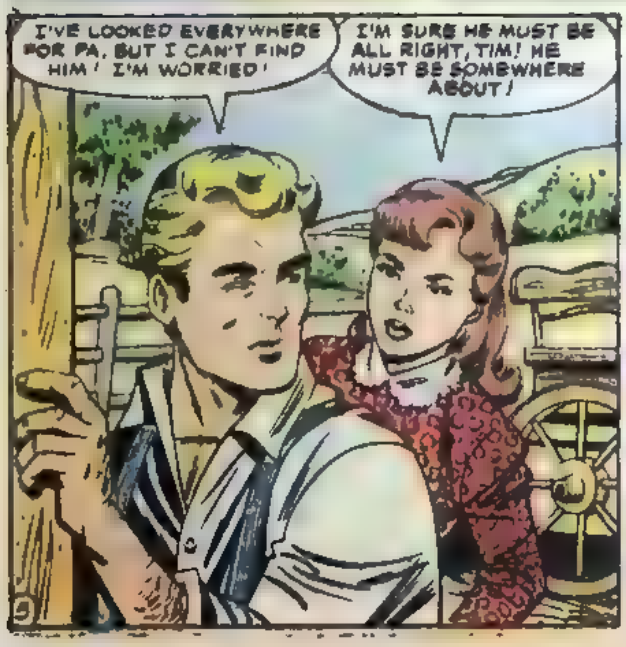
IT WAS JUST A FEW DAYS LATER WHEN SETH HEARD THE THUMP OF THE DRUM SO LOUD THAT IT SEEMED THE LINE OF MARCHERS MUST BE RIGHT OUTSIDE HIS DOOR...



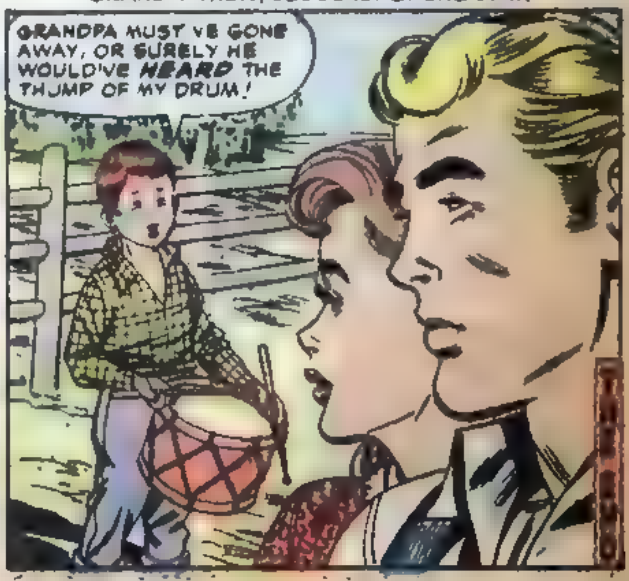
THE THUMP SEEMED MORE INSISTENT NOW, MORE IMPATIENT...

SETH MEEKER MARCHED AWAY FROM THE FARM, HEADING RESOLUTELY IN THE DIRECTION OF APPOMATTOX...

WHILE OLD SETH VANISHED INTO THE SETTING SUN, TIM SEARCHED ALL OVER THE FARM FOR HIM...



BUT YOUNG SETH, WHO WAS NAMED AFTER HIS GRANDFATHER, SUDDENLY SPOKE UP...



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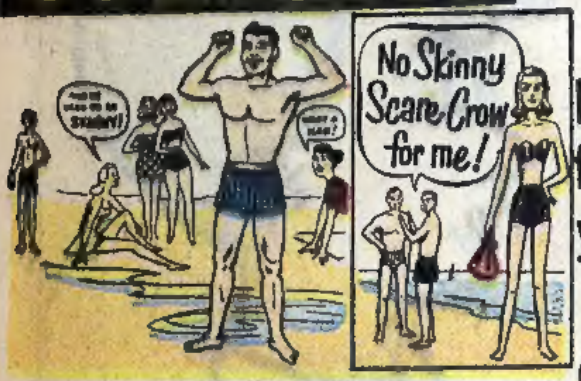

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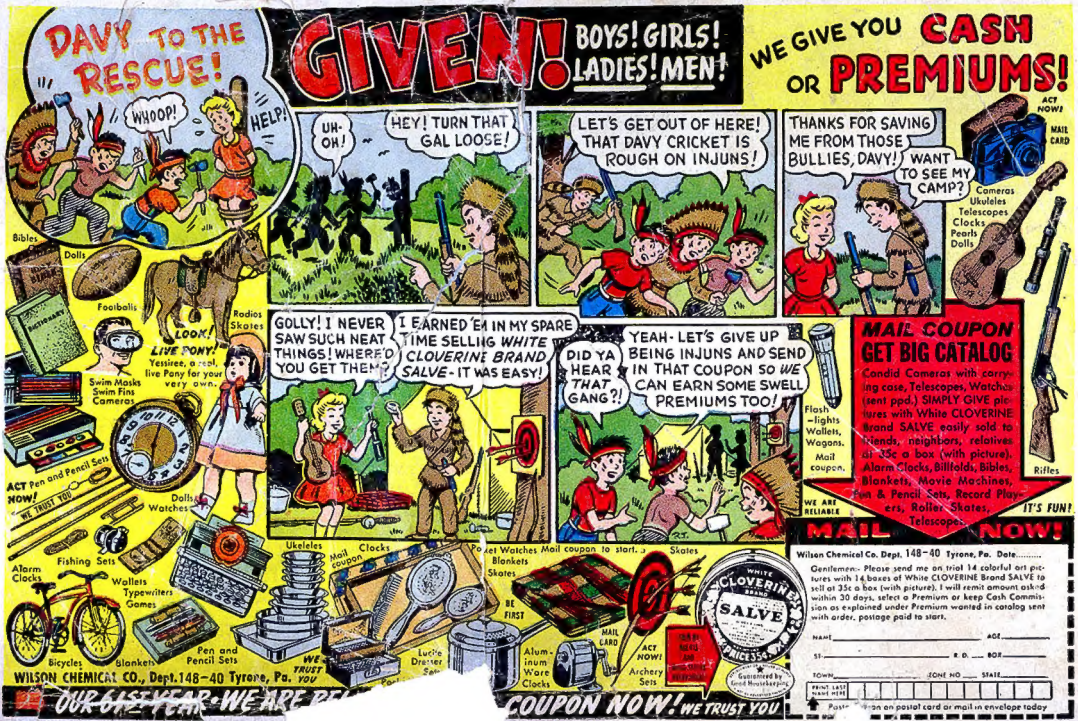
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